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TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen,

R. N. S. BACHELDER,
WILLIAM M. COGSWELL,
EDWIN D. FORREST,

Town Clerk,

ROBERT I. STEVENS.

Treasurer,

ALBERT C. LORD.

Collector of Taxes,

GARDNER S. ABBOTT.

Auditors,

FRANK HILL,
FRANKLIN J. EASTMAN,
GAWN E. GORRELL.

Supervisors,

FRANK W. SHAW,
GAWN E. GORRELL,
LOWELL M. FRENCH.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

Account of money furnished ALBERT C. LORD, Treasurer.

The Selectmen charge the Treasurer as follows :

Balance March 1st, 1890,	\$1953 20
Cash received of state treasurer railroad tax,	166 03
Savings Bank tax,	1257 14
Literary fund,	68 48
County of Merrimack,	241 57
Rent of town hall,	10 50
Show license,	3 00
Received of--	
Owners of dogs for sheep damage,	50 00
State treasurer, sheep damage 1889,	36 50
M. E. and C. T. French note,	10 54
Iona Savings Bank Dividend,	20 44
G. S. Abbott, Collector, 1889,	168 18
G. S. Abbott, Collector, 1890,	5127 03
Highway tax, 1889,	13 50
	<hr/> \$9126 11

CREDIT ACCOUNT.

Orders have been given by the Selectmen on the treasurer to pay bills and claims as follows :

State tax,	\$1265 00
County tax,	1177 08
Coupons paid,	342 00
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SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Appropriation,	\$185 00
Paid O. C. Wyatt.	

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid O. C. Wyatt, town District,	\$851 51
E. W. White, Union District,	344 47
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	\$1195 98

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid C. D. Bryant, taking care of Frank Collins,	\$16 00
Ed. D. Forrest, goods for J. R. Woodbury,	10 00
Hill & Fletcher, goods for J. R. Woodbury,	5 00
C. P. Herrick, goods for J. R. Woodbury,	5 40
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	\$36 40

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Paid Mary E. Collins for board of John Collins,	\$19 50
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COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid J. W. Glines, taking care of Charles Dennis,	\$2 00
Marston Sanborn, goods for Nellie Sewall,	17 78
S. W. Taylor, goods for R. G. Brown,	4 00
R. N. S. Bachelder, shoes for Nellie Sewall's child,	75
W. A. Gardner, goods for F. Jenness,	12 00
Philbrick & Hill, goods for J. B. Glover,	78 00
Hill & Fletcher, goods for R. G. Brown,	4 13
C. R. Gould, attendance, B. F. Morrill,	13 50
“ Benj. Collins,	7 50
“ Alex Gomo,	17 00
“ Perley Keniston,	11 10
“ Elmer C. Herbert,	7 50
“ Mary Dennis,	35 25
“ Herbert Dow,	26 25
“ Nellie Sewall,	1 50
Edward Abbott, attendance, Charles Dennis,	6 75
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	\$245 01

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS, 1889.

Paid Lowell M. French,	\$2 76
Francis Stevens,	1 80
Charles C. Cross,	16 15
Byron Shaw,	90
Morrill Moore,	3 60
Sally P. Grover,	90
William H. Clough,	5 40
Joseph A. Cofran,	5 00
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	\$36 51

1890.

William H. Clough,	\$127 50
"	6 50
George F. Weeks,	58 00
John S. Dearborn,	50 00
John B. Yeaton,	13 00
Byron Shaw,	11 00 266 00
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	\$302 51

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid—	
O. C. Wyatt, services as auditor,	\$6 00
Gawn E. Gorrell, services as auditor,	6 00
F. J. Eastman, " " "	6 00
Merrimack Journal, printing town reports,	44 00
O. C. Wyatt, services as supervisor and checklists,	7 75
F. W. Shaw, " " "	5 00
F. J. French, " " "	5 00
J. L. Loverin, horse hire,	3 00
F. B. Lord, sawdust on floor,	1 00
R. I. Stevens, services as town clerk,	40 00

R. N. S. Bachelder, services as selectman,	\$110 00
Wm. M. Cogswell, " " "	115 00
Edwin D. Forrest, " " "	35 00
A. A. Keniston, services as police, July 4,	2 00
Wm. M. Cogswell, stamps and cards,	2 00
F. W. Thompson, services as police,	16 00
Nellie S. French, services on school board,	45 00
O. C. Wyatt, " " " "	20 00
Benj. Gale, " " " "	20 00
F. W. Shaw, services as supervisor in Nov. 1890,	5 00
F. J. French, " " " " " "	5 68
W. B. Fellows, advice,	12 00
R. N. S. Bachelder, receipt and collector's book,	1 75
C. P. Herrick, stationery,	70
R. N. S. Bachelder, receipt book,	1 00
J. B. Sanborn, " "	1 00
Wm. M. Cogswell, services as board of health,	5 00
Edwin J. Young, services as supervisor,	5 00
Albert C. Lord, services as treasurer,	30 00
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	\$555 88

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid—

C. R. Gould, recording births and deaths, 1889-90,	\$9 50
Edward Abbott, " " " " "	2 00
A. T. Cass, library appropriation,	150 00
A. H. Brown, error in tax, 1889,	1 97
Robt. Wood, V. S., services in Winslow cow case,	20 00
A. J. Nay, forms of law,	4 25
J. B. Sanborn, books,	8 00
Wm. H. Plummer, hay for Winslow cattle,	15 00
Wm. M. Cogswell, copy of records,	1 00
Wm. M. Cogswell, stationery, express and postage,	5 00

G. W. Lord, blanks,	\$1 75
John Haslam, memorial appropriation,	25 00
Brown & Boucher, grain for Winslow cattle,	5 60
R. N. S. Bachelder, parsonage fund interest,	22 00
A. S. Balantyne, library appropriation,	100 00
J. W. Davis, services and advice on Winslow cow,	5 00
J. W. Davis, medicine attendance on Winslow cattle,	28 00
Oscar Gates, water trough,	3 00
Geo S. Philbrick, services as referee,	2 00
C. W. Whicher, " " "	2 00
C. R. Gould, " " "	2 00
Edward R. Glines, water trough,	3 00
John Waldo, error in tax,	4 31
F. J. Eastman, drain pipe,	81 79
Wm. C. French, water trough,	3 00
Moses F. Winslow, cow killed by order of V. S.,	25 00
E. A. Stevens, water trough,	3 00
T. R. Payson, lodging tramp,	50
J. J. Prescott, drawing and fitting wood,	75
Frank Chase, surveying streets,	8 00
W. M. Cogswell, desk for office,	2 50
W. M. Cogswell, drawing stone, etc.,	10 00
S. W. Taylor, 1 gal. oil,	42
Mrs. Daniel Avery, error in tax,	1 84
John S. Winslow, services as selectman,	1 50
W. M. Cogswell, care of town hall,	6 00
R. N. S. Bachelder, expense to Concord,	4 50
Mary H. Abbott, road bounds, etc.,	1 08
F. H. Merrill, wire and staples,	7 60
D. K. Bean, services as police in Jenness horse case,	5 75
Philbrick & Hill, sundries,	16 40
J. J. Prescott, sawing and fitting wood for town hall,	1 66
Gardner S. Abbott, printing and postage,	3 83
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	\$605 50

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Gawn E. Gorrell, breaking roads in 1888,	\$8 62
C. W. Plummer, labor on highway,	3 50
Wm. H. Plummer, " " "	1 80
R. N. S. Bachelder, " " "	5 00
F. Benitez, " " "	2 80
B. Frank Ayers, labor on highway,	3 70
E. D. Forrest and A. H. Hill, running road machine,	400 00
Richard Dearborn, labor on highway,	2 17
Sam'l. T. Holmes, " " Watson street,	13 00
Wm. M. Cogswell, " " " "	83 70
Wm. M. Cogswell, " " Shaker bridge and Belmont road,	15 75
Wm. C. French, " " highway from July 1, 1888, to July 1, 90,	16 00
LeRoy R. Brown, " " " in 1889,	3 26
Frank W. Shaw, road machine blades,	8 25
Wm. C. French, labor on highway near new depot,	15 24
B. A. Winslow, " " "	3 30
R. N. S. Bachelder, surveying and bounding Bay, Arch, Watson and Clough streets,	15 00
A. C. Tilton, plank for Cross Mills Bridge,	92
Wm. M. Cogswell labor on Clough ave., bounds on Bay street and drawing lumber to Cross bridge,	7 40
LeRoy R. Brown, labor on highway, bridge and culverts,	27 62
Edwin D. Forrest and A. H. Hill, labor on Emery St.,	117 00
Edwin D. Forrest, labor on Watson street and Belmont road,	3 35
Joseph J. Prescott, labor on Emery street,	7 87
Joseph J. Prescott, labor on Emery street,	4 50
Frank Collins, " " " "	5 25
John W. Glines, labor on highway,	3 50

Jason Foss, labor on highway and covering stone,	\$20 70
Geo. W. Collins, labor on highway,	7 00
F. J. Eastman agt. for C. E. Tilton, land damage,	31 66
Edwin A. Stevens, labor on highway,	1 50
R. N. S. Bachelder, " " " and culverts, *	10 15
A. H. Hill, labor on Watson street and repairing road machine,	7 47
Geo. C. Wyatt, repairing culvert on Belmont road,	50
Olin Dinsmore, labor on highway,	5 50
Joseph J. Prescott, labor on Shaker bridge and Watson street,	7 50
Edwin V. Leavitt, labor on Watson street,	5 25
Wm. M. Cogswell, labor in surveying new streets and repairing Cross Mill bridge,	17 75
John Roberts, labor on highway,	8 14
Bachelder & Robinson, bridge timber,	112 21
Geo. E. Knapp, bridge plank 1889,	3 29
A. A. Keniston, labor on highway,	9 00
C. H. Ayers, " " "	4 00
A. A. Keniston, " " "	5 70
T. R. Payson, " " " 1888,	3 39
T. R. Payson, " " " 1890,	2 00
Geo. W. Corliss, labor on culverts,	5 50
Frank Peverly, " " highway,	5 00
Wm. C. French, " " "	11 00
Kendrick Ludlow, " " "	4 62
Oscar Gates, " " "	3 75
Alec. Dow, " " "	2 40
John S. Winslow, " " "	2 25
Moses F. Winslow, labor on highway,	3 76
F. Benitez, " " "	6 53
Ed. D. Bryant, water course,	5 00
B. A. Winslow, labor on highway,	12 75

Geo. Heath, labor on highway,	\$1 35
C. H. Payson, Jr., " " "	10 55
Byron Shaw, " " "	9 45
F. C. Robertson, " " "	6 00
Edward R. Glines, breaking roads in Hodgdon Dist.,	3 50
Edwin D. Forrest, breaking Belmont road,	1 00
Daniel Sanborn, breaking roads in Hodgdon District,	3 50
S. B. Haines, labor on highway,	6 86
Isadore Gomo, " " "	4 00
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	\$1149 98

REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE.

Wm. M. Cogswell, putting up rail,	\$2 00
Wm. M. Cogswell, labor on floor,	6 00
Reuben Allen, " " "	9 00
Joseph J. Prescott, " " "	12 00
John B. Yeaton, " " "	3 75
Smith & Smith, pipe and fitting,	5 65
A. C. Tilton, flooring and guide boards,	120 80
R. N. S. Bachelder labor on town hall,	20 00
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	\$179 20

NEW SHED.

Geo. E. Knapp, lumber,	\$16 91
E. L. Sanborn & Son, building vault,	15 70
R. N. S. Bachelder, shingles,	18 75
F. H. Merrill, zinc, etc.,	2 15
Reuben Allen, building shed,	37 50
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	\$91 01

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT WITH G. S. ABBOTT, COLLECTOR FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1891.

Amount of tax committed,	\$5466 33
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Paid Treasurer,	\$5127 03
Non-resident highway receipts,	48 35
Abatements and errors,	40 36
Fees for collecting,	82 00
Uncollected,	168 59
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	\$5466 33

Respectfully Submitted,

R. N. S. BACHELDER,	} Selectmen
WM. M. COGSWELL,	
EDWIN D. FORREST,	
	of
	Northfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer of the Town of Northfield submits the following reports of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending March 2, 1891.

RECEIPTS.

By cash in treasury March 1, 1890,	\$1441 51
Iona Savings bank deposit,	511 69
Iona Savings bank, dividend,	20 44
Mary E. and C. T. French, note,	10 54
Cash received of State treasurer, sheep damage bill,	36 50
Cash received of State treasurer, savings bank tax,	1257 14
Cash received of State treasurer, rail- road tax,	166 03
Cash received of State treasurer, literary fund,	68 48
Cash received of selectmen,	305 07
Cash received of G. S. Abbott, collector,	5127 03
Cash received of G. S. Abbott, collector, 1889,	168 18
Cash received of G. S. Abbott, collector, highway, 1889,	13 50
	\$9126 11

EXPENDITURES.

Paid coupons due Nov. 1, 1888,	\$15 00
" " May 1, 1889,	18 00
" " Nov. 1, 1889,	18 00
" " May 1, 1890,	147 00
" " Nov. 1, 1890,	144 00
State tax,	1265 00
County tax,	1177 08
Selectmen's orders,	4299 97
Iona Savings bank deposit,	532 13
Cash on hand,	1509 93
	\$9126 11

Respectfully Submitted,

ALBERT C. LORD, Town Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We, the subscribers, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1891. respectfully submit that we find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

The following is a statement of the financial condition of the town.

The Selectmen charge the Treasurer with having received,	\$9126 11
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Of this amount the Treasurer has paid as follows :

State tax,	\$1265 00
County tax,	1177 08
Coupons, outstanding,	51 00
Coupons, May and November,	291 00
School supplies,	185 00
School money,	1195 98
Town Paupers,	36 40
Dependent soldiers,	19 50
County Paupers,	245 01
Damage to sheep by dogs, 1889, received from state,	36 51
Current expenses,	555 88
Miscellaneous bills,	605 50
Roads and bridges,	1149 98
Repairs on town house,	179 20
New shed for town house,	91 01

\$7084 05

Leaving a balance in hands of treasurer,	\$2042 06
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LIABILITIES

of the town are as follows :

Town bonds,	\$5100 00
Interest on same from Nov. to date,	102 00
Coupons, outstanding,	15 00
Due from town, damage to sheep by dogs,	102 00
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	\$5319 00

AVAILABLE MEANS.

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$2042 06
Taxes estimated good,	150 00
Due from state for M. F. Winslow's cattle.	45 60
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	\$2237 66
Liabilities,	\$5319 00
Available means,	2237 66
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Present indebtedness,	\$3081 34
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Indebtedness March 1, 1890,	\$3082 76
Present indebtedness,	3081 34
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Reduction of debt,	\$1 42

Respectfully Submitted,

GAWN E. GORRELL,	} Board of Auditors.
FRANKLIN J. EASTMAN.	
FRANK HILL,	

MARCH 1, 1891.

Report of School Board.

CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD :

One of the revolutions that never turns backward is the revolution of time, which remind us that we must soon render to you an account of our stewardship, which in the main part has been a pleasant one.

During the past three years, we have earnestly and conscientiously worked for the advancement of our schools, and though our path has not always been strewn with roses, we most sincerely thank you for the cordial support you have always given us in encouraging words and whatever sums of money we have called for for school and building purposes. In submitting this report to your consideration we hope for your approval but do not expect to escape a fair and honest criticism.

We wish to congratulate you upon the improvement that nearly all the schools have made, and also to thank you for the extra money you so wisely voted for school purposes last year. That appropriation was a step in the right direction and should be continued from year to year ; with it, and by uniting the Pond and Oak Hill schools, and making some minor changes we have been able to increase the length of our schools from fifteen to twenty-five weeks, a record of which the town may well feel proud. The benefit that the school children have derived from these additional advantages cannot be counted by

dollars and cents. Many of them will have to depend upon the knowledge gained in our common schools to fit them for the active duties of life, and the expenditure of a few cents extra on our part each year will give them the chance to obtain a good common school education, which united with energy, honesty, and perseverance will enable them to become successful and honored men and women, and an honor to the town of Northfield.

The teachers the past year have nearly all realized the responsibility resting upon them and have made commendable improvement in their methods of instruction. There has been more oral teaching, less confinement to books, and the old question and answer method has been to a great extent abolished. A greater degree of interest than usual has been taken in book-keeping and history; this is as it should be, every boy and girl should have a knowledge of the history of their country and be able to keep simple accounts, and have an understanding of business forms and principles; when the former study is not regularly pursued oral instruction should be given by the teacher to the older pupils until they are able to correctly write a business letter, note, or receipt. Such knowledge would be of inestimable value to them in after years.

At the beginning of the year we placed in every school Gow's Lessons on Morals and Manners, and informed the teachers that they would be required to give oral instruction from the same twice a week. We believe that every pupil should be taught good morals and manners, what constitutes the same, and the value of possessing them. If these truths are early taught a child when its character is being formed, they cannot help having great influence for good and will to a great extent counteract any pertinacious influences with which he may come in contact outside of the school room. He will thus soon learn to condemn the treachery of a Benedict Arnold, and emulate

the sterling virtues of a Washington and a Lincoln, and also admire the manners of a Chesterfield. Most of our school children are well versed in the fundamental rules of politeness, although sometimes they fail in showing that respectful attention which is a teacher's due both in and out of the school-room. In making our round of visits, we have always been pleasantly greeted by modest, merry-hearted girls, while rosy-cheeked boys have eagerly vied with each other as to who should render us any needful attention.

We are sorry to report an increased number of absences during the past year. Unnecessary absence is one of the greatest evils in our schools at present, and one of the hardest to remedy. We think that parents are largely responsible for this. There are times when it is necessary on account of sickness or other causes for a child to stay at home, but it should not be allowed to do so simply because he wants to, has a hard lesson to get, or does not like his teacher. To allow children to remain at home from one to three days every week is inexcusable. Parents, we appeal to you to rectify this evil. If you want your children to get the most good possible from their school days, see that they get all there is in every day. Do not allow them to remain at home unless it is absolutely necessary. Teach them that "Punctuality is one of the levers that move the world," and in all the vocations of life it is essential to highest success. Show your interest in them, their work and their teachers by frequent visits to the schoolroom, and encouraging words of commendation. Do not wait until the "last day," then put on your Sunday-best and visit them, expecting all the while to be amused and entertained by the closing exercises rather than to witness the real work done by the pupils.

It has been our privilege to place in the hands of every pupil such text books and supplies as were adapted to their vari-

ous needs and attainments. This has been a very pleasant task, although of course it has greatly increased our duties. Before purchasing the books, we took great pains to examine the different series on each subject and to personally ascertain by correspondence what satisfaction the same were giving in the towns where they had already been introduced. After much correspondence, many interviews with agents, and thorough personal examination, we made our selection and thus far have been well satisfied with the results obtained through their use. We labeled and numbered every book, which included 9 Record Books, 37 Language Lessons, 25 English Grammars, 21 Complete Arithmetics, 19 Brief Course in Arithmetic, 19 First Lessons in Arithmetic, 8 Lessons on Morals and Manners, 24 Complete Geographies, 24 Elementary Geographies, 6 Bookkeeping, 42 Spellers, 14 Histories, 7 Fifth Readers, 8 Fourth Readers, 6 Third Readers, 6 Second Readers, 11 First Readers, and 6 Physiologies.

In a book purchased for the purpose we have kept a strict account of all books and supplies furnished each school and when they were returned ; also required the teachers to keep an individual record of those loaned each pupil. Aside from the books, we have supplied each school with pen-holders, pens, ink ; slate and lead pencils ; margin, drawing, ruled, and unruled paper ; blackboard pointers and erasers ; composition books ; white and colored crayons ; rulers, rubbers and slates : also Ivison, Blackman & Co. Complete School Chart, embracing the latest revised outline maps, elements of history, grammar, reading, arithmetic, physiology and civil government, to be used successively by the various schools.

Before closing our somewhat lengthy remarks, and submitting our report of teachers, we wish to extend our sincere thanks to the citizens, parents, teachers, and school children of Northfield, for the support, courteous welcome, and the many kindnesses that we have received at their hands.

CENTRE.

Miss Annie Lane, a Normal graduate and a teacher of experience, had charge of this school during the year.

This is a very hard school and Miss Lane's earnest endeavors for the good of the school merited greater success than she obtained during the summer term; where a part of the scholars lack both in energy and self-respect success is not easily attained.

The fall term showed a decided improvement in nearly all branches taught; the primary class in arithmetic showed the best drill of any class we ever saw in a country school. The discipline too, at my last visit, showed that a marked improvement had been made in the right direction. We think the children tried this term to do better than ever before, and by their united efforts they succeeded in making the greatest improvement in discipline and general appearance of any school in town.

BAY HILL.

The summer term taught by Miss Gertrude Lamprey of Tilton, was a decided success in every particular.

Miss Lamphrey has made no mistake in choosing teaching as her profession, and to secure her service is sufficient guarantee of a successful school. She excels in interesting small children and creating in them a thirst for knowledge and improvement. The interest that she awakened in this school and the improvement that followed her efforts was almost wonderful.

The fall term was under the charge of Miss Mabelle E. Call, of Franklin, an inexperienced teacher who tried to the best of ability possessed to interest and instruct her pupils, and fair progress was made,

The knowledge that one little boy gained during the term, in geography and physiology by oral instruction was marvelous, and spoke volumes for the teacher's patient drill.

HODGDON.

We experienced great difficulty in securing a teacher for this school, owing to the reputation which the district has acquired of being hard to please. Miss Emma Jones of Concord, was finally secured for the summer term, but was obliged to leave at the close of the first week, and her sister, Miss Statie Jones, finished term. A little more energy on the part of the teacher would have added much to the success of the school. Nevertheless, fair progress was made by all the pupils, and the school was in no wise a failure. We think this teacher merited more support from some of the parents than she received.

The fall term was under the care of Mr. E. James Winslow, of Vermont, who came to us with excellent recommendations.

At our first visit the prospect for a profitable term seemed very small, owing to the almost total lack of discipline, although the methods of instruction used were excellent. We made some suggestions which were immediately acted upon and the result was that he regained control of the school and good progress was made by all pupils. At our last visit, we found the pupils prompt, earnest, orderly, and courteous.

DEPOT.

Both terms were under the efficient instruction of Miss Sadie A. Gurley, of Concord, a teacher of experience and ability.

In point of studiousness and general appearance, thoroughness and discipline, this school ranks first in town. The teacher left nothing undone that she possibly could do to interest and instruct her pupils who showed their appreciation of her efforts by studying diligently and making rapid progress in every study. We have only words of highest praise for both teacher and pupils, and hope that the Board may be fortunate enough to secure the services of Miss Gurley for the coming year.

RAND.

The summer term was under the care of Miss Kate Forrest who had charge of this school last year. She is a hard-working teacher who is ever on the alert to obtain and adopt some new idea or method by which she can better advance her pupils, and as a consequence she is always successful and her pupils make sure and thorough progress.

The fall term was taught by Miss Mabel French, a teacher of some experience.

Miss French is an earnest hard-working teacher and her thorough, practical, patient, and untiring efforts in behalf of her pupils in this school were most successfully rewarded by their making thorough and rapid progress in the various studies pursued.

BEAN HILL.

The pupils of this school were under the care of Miss Alice Durgin, of Boscawen, during the Spring term.

Miss Durgin came to this school a stranger and inexperienced. At our first visit we were pleased with her methods and self-reliant manner with which she conducted the school. The closing exercises were good, and evidenced that all the pupils had made good improvement.

The Fall term was under the charge of Mrs. Belle W. Robertson, who has taught this school many terms, with satisfaction to both parents and pupils.

Both teacher and scholars did good work, and excellent progress was made by all.

The order was good and the Language work and map-drawing excelled that of any school in town.

TEBBETTS.

This school was under the efficient instruction of Miss Kate Forrest, whose ability as a teacher improves with every term, and in this school she excelled all her former efforts in impart-

ing instruction, the scholars making more improvement and showing more energy and interest than at any previous term during the past three years.

The rapid and thorough progress made during this term was a great surprise to us and proved that both teacher and pupils had improved every moment, and both are equally deserving of high praise.

ROLL OF HONOR.

CENTRE—SUMMER TERM.

Arthur H. Mooney.

FALL TERM.

Theodore M. Sanborn.

BAY HILL—SUMMER TERM.

John F. Marden.

FALL TERM.

Harold M. French.

BEAN HILL—SUMMER TERM.

Ada J. Brown, Lillian E. Davis, Merton L. Kimball.

FALL TERM.

Ada J. Brown, Lillian E. Davis, Merton L. Kimball, Harry A. Piper.

HODGDON—SUMMER TERM.

Leon M. Ludlow, Arthur H. Stevens.

FALL TERM.

Leon M. Ludlow, Albert B. Shaw, Alice P. Shaw, Bertha M. Shaw.

DEPOT—SUMMER TERM.

Willis M. Bachelder, Clarence R. Bachelder, Mabel A. Whitcher, Charles A. Whitcher.

FALL TERM.

Willis M. Bachelder, Clarence R. Bachelder.

RAND—SUMMER TERM.

Mamie Brown, Flora G. French, Minnie L. French, Fred G. Whitecher.

FALL TERM.

Arthur H. Corliss, Flora G. French, Minnie L. French.

TEBBETTS—FALL.

Susie Downing, Ira T. Whitecher.

NOT ABSENT A DAY.

SUMMER TERM.

Ernest L. Dow, Arthur Mooney, Ethel Prescott, Carl Prescott, Harry Piper, Alexander Root, Olive A. Rand, Stella M. Rand, Leon W. Rand, Abram W. Rand.

FALL TERM.

May L. Barton, Ernest F. Gale, Bennie A. Glines, Roy L. Lovejoy.

NELLIE S. FRENCH,	} School Board of Northfield.
OTIS C. WYATT,	
BENJ. GALE,	

REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer of the Northfield Town District.

The Treasurer has received as follows :

From James N. Forrest, former Treasurer,	\$73 66
Town Treasurer, school money,	851 51
Town Treasurer, books and school supplies,	185 00
Amount received,	<hr/> \$1,110 17

ACCOUNTED AS FOLLOWS :

PAID FOR SUMMER SCHOOL—

Annie Lane,	\$66 00
Statie Jones,	60 50
Sadie A. Gurley,	60 50
Gertrude Lamprey,	55 00
Kate Forrest,	55 00
Alice M. Durgin,	24 00
	<hr/> \$321 00

PAID FOR FALL SCHOOL—

Belle Robertson,	70 00
Mabel E. French.	70 00
Annie Lane,	84 00
Mabelle E. Call,	70 00
Sadie A. Gurley,	77 00
E. James Winslow,	78 75
Kate Forrest,	50 00
	<hr/> \$499 75

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid—

Allison & Morse, for auction posters,	\$1 50
L. Ludlow, for work on school houses,	8 00
Allison & Morse, for text book labels,	1 25
Arthur G. Moore, for wood,	2 50
F. H. Moore, for pine boards,	68
Warren Nudd, for wood,	9 00
Smith & Smith, for broom, pail and dipper,	1 42
Frank Robertson, for funnell,	25
Arthur G. Moore, for wood,	7 75
Benj. Gale, for brooms, pail, etc.,	1 90
S. Ellen Shaw, for boarding teacher,	29 00
Warren Nudd, for wood,	3 00
Morrill Moore, for wood,	3 00
Frank Shaw, for wood,	4 50
James F. Downing, for wood,	3 00
Albert H. Tebbetts, for wood,	3 00
Philbrick & Hill, merchandise,	4 19
F. H. Merrill, for funnel, zinc, etc.	7 40
Leroy R. Brown, labor,	2 70
R. N. S. Bachelder, for wood, etc.,	1 50
Charles H. Dearborn, cutting 1-2 cord wood,	50
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	\$96 04

BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid—

Nellie French, express, freight and books,	\$4 73
Express on books,	1 35
George Berry, supplies,	19 47
Lee & Shepard, record books,	3 34
A. S. Barnes, text books,	9 00

Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn,	\$11 04
Iverson, Blakeman & Co., text books,	23 98
E. H. Butler & Co., text books,	32 85
Van Antwerp & Co., text books,	6 72
C. P. Herrick, text books,	9 99
Silver, Burdett & Co., text books,	19 20
American Express Co., express on books,	80
Wm. Ware & Co., books,	12 56
Effingham, Maynard & Co., books,	5 40
Harrison, Hume & Co., books,	3 33
E. B. Goodrich & Co., school chart,	15 45
American Express Co., express on books,	30
American Express Co., express on package of books,	80
Geo. S. Bartlett, books,	3 50
Express,	70
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	\$184 51
Balance on hand,	49
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	\$185 00

SUMMARY.

Received from all sources,	\$1110 17
Total expenditures,	\$1101 30
Cash on hand,	8 87
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	\$1110 17

OTIS C. WYATT, Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The subscribers having examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the School Board, respectfully submit that we find the same correctly cast and properly vouched. The following is a statement of the financial condition of the district.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Amount received,	\$185 00
Paid out,	184 51
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Due district,	49

SCHOOLS.

Amount received,	\$925 17
Paid out,	916 79
Due district,	<hr/> \$8 38
Total due district,	<hr/> \$8 87

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK J. EASTMAN,	}	Board of Auditors.
FRANK HILL,		
GAWN E. GORRELL,		

Northfield, N. H., March 18th, 1891.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Schools.	Names of Teachers.	No. Weeks Summer Term.	No. Weeks Fall Term.	No. of Scholars Summer Term.	No. of Pupils of Fall Term.	No. of Pupils in Reading, Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Composition.	Physiology.	No. half day Absences.	No. tardy and Dismissed.	No. of Visits School Board.	No. of Visits by Parents and Citizens.
Centre	Annie F. Lane	11	14	24	19	21 20	20	14	9	4	1	1	1	6	5	334 63	342 33	32	12
Bay Hill	Amie E. Lane	11	14	11	11	19 16	16	10	5	2	3	1	3	8	2	342 37	352 37	32	14
Hodgdon	Gertrude B. Lampprey	11	14	9	5	15 8	7	5	3	2	1	1	1	2	5	19 19	19 16	32	9
Rand	Mabelle E. Call	11	14	10	7	10 7	5	4	5	2	6	2	2	2	2	114 30	110 6	32	7
Depot	Statie A. Jones	11	14	10	14	14 14	9	9	7	3	1	1	1	6	2	75 29	75 29	32	18
Bean Hill	E. James Winslow	11	14	11	11	15 15	10	10	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	90 11	90 11	32	14
Tebbetts	Kate Forrest	8	14	5	5	5 5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	34 34	34 34	21	5

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

UNION DISTRICT, TILTON AND NORTHFIELD.

We present the following brief statistics :

Length of schools, each,	32 weeks
Number of different pupils,	234
Average number belonging to schools,	170
Average daily attendance,	153
Number of visits by School board,	40
Number of visits by citizens,	401

TEACHERS: D. W. C. Durgin, A. B., principal and teacher of Grammar department; Lizzie A. Wyman, First Intermediate; Marion E. Lyford, Second Intermediate; Eva G. Hill, First Primary; Annie P. Wyman, Second Primary.

By a comparison of the statistics given with those of the preceding years, it will be seen that there has been a small but steady growth in the number of scholars and in the average attendance. This increase, however has been in the lower grades. At the beginning of the year, eighty-four pupils were registered in the First Primary department, and it became absolutely necessary to establish another school, which we did before another term, finding accommodations by dividing the Primary room with a partition of wood and glass.

The teachers have been faithful and attentive to their duties and the scholars have made excellent progress under their instruction. We make no individual comments, but feel assured their efforts have been appreciated by those, who have visited the schools and inspected their work.

The building, such as it is, is in a very good state of repair, except that it needs painting inside and out. The general repairs for the coming year will be small.

Last Spring, Adams K. Tilton post, G. A. R., of this town, presented the school with a large United States flag, which we gratefully acknowledged in the name of the district.

The practice now becoming quite universal of displaying a flag over the building during school hours, is a beautiful custom and tends to inspire patriotism and reverence of country in the young.

After three years service as your committee, we are pleased to turn the school affairs over to such an efficient Board as has been elected. We have endeavored to the best of our ability to keep up a high standard in our schools and have made such changes from time to time as our judgment dictated.

There has been no deterioration in our schools, and we hope some advancement

Respectfully submitted

E. W. WHITE,

A. M. DODGE,

F. T. SANBORN,

Board of Education.

REPORT OF TILTON AND NORTHFIELD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

RECEIPTS.

1890.		
March.	Cash of town of Tilton,	\$150 00
	Cash of town of Northfield,	150 00
		—————\$300 00

EXPENDITURES.

J. N. McClintock, binding,	\$2 00
Estes & Lauriat, 250 books,	206 64
E. B. Beaman, binding 168 vols.,	53 20
Printing supplement catalogues,	36 00
	—————\$297 84

Balance.		\$2 16
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W. B. FELLOWS,	} Trustees.
FRANK HILL,	
C. C. SAMPSON,	
A. M. DODGE,	
A. T. CASS,	

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING

for the year ending Dec. 31, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

1890—

Jan. 1.	Cash on hand,	\$22 58
Aug. 26,	Received of town of Tilton,	100 00
Sept. 9,	Received of town of Northfield,	100 00
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		\$222 58

EXPENDITURES.

Paid janitor, repairs, coal, lights, and other supplies.	\$152 36
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1890,	70 22

C. E. TILTON,	}	Trustees.
A. S. BALLANTYNE,		
ELIZA B. COFRAN,		

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Northfield:

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report," I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS.

Date of Birth	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of		
	Male	Female	Living or Stillborn						No. of child, 1st, 2d, &c.	Father.	Mother.
Jan. 6	Male		Living	First	Allen McPadden	Nellie R. Prescott	All White	Shoemaker	Canada	Deerfield	
Jan. 14	"		"	"	Benj. F. Ayers	Ellen P. Roberts	All of Northfield	Farmer	Canterbury	Northfield	
Feb. 25		Female	"	"	Albion Lovell	Jennie L. McDowell		Farmer	Springfield	Highgate, Vt.	
June 1	"	"	"	Second	Norman Hassell	Julia B. Lamprey	All of Northfield	Painter	Nova Scotia	Tilton	
Aug. 8		"	"	First	Charles H. Payson	Fessie A. Downing		Farmer	Raymond	Ellsworth	
Aug. 12	"	"	"	Sixth	James Barton	Flora Croteau	All of Northfield	Laborer	Canada	Canada	
Sept. 26	"	"	"	Third	John Cox	Abbie J. Collins		Piano tuner	Nashua	Northfield	
Sept. 30	"	"	"	Second	Wm. J. Sawyer	Annie E. Wadleigh	All of Northfield	Piano tuner	Penacook	Northfield	
Nov. 2	"	"	"	Third	Perley G. Kenneston	Jennie M. Glover		R. K. Employee	Penacook	Northfield	
Nov. 8	"	"	"	Second	Irving W. Copp	Nellie E. Downing	All of Northfield	Shoe maker	Northfield	Northfield	
Jan. 2	"	"	"	First	Edward Cleary	Ethel Knapp		Farmer	Canada	Stewartstown	
Dec. 2	"	"	"	"	Olin Dinsmore	Josephine Boushe	All of Northfield	Farmer	Northfield	Concord	
Dec. 9	"	"	"	Third	Charles L. Allen	Fla.riet H. Whitcomb		Farmer	Concord	Northfield	
Jan. 15	"	"	"	Fifteenth	Darius K. Bean	Zilpha J. Holmes	All of Northfield	Farmer	Veredith	Hocksett	
Jan. 19	"	"	"	Eleventh	Warren S. Nudd	Vabel O. Downing		Farmer	Northfield	Northfield	
Jan. 29	"	"	"	First							

MARRIAGES.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in Years.	Color of each	Occupation of Groom & Bride	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	Condition, No.	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married.
Jan. 16	Tilton	Warren S. Nudd	Northfield	28		Farmer	Northfield	Andrew Nudd Sarah Clough	Northfield		1st.	Rev. C. C. Sampson Tilton
		Mabel Downing	Northfield	18		Lady	Northfield	E. O. Downing Emma —		Farmer	1st.	
22	Franklin	F. H. Cross	Northfield	30		Contractor	Northfield	Joseph M. Cross Clarissa Moore	Northfield	Farmer	1st.	Rev. D. J. Smith Franklin
29	Tilton	Ida May Downing	Tilton	17		Lady		Josiah Downing Georgia —			1st.	
		George R. Bennett	Northfield	36		Farmer	Sandwich	Levi Bennett Smith —			1st.	Rev. C. C. Sampson Tilton
		Esther P. Dixey	Sanbornton	18		Lady	Sanbornton	John Dixey Mary Webster	Sanbornton		1st.	
27	Tilton	John S. Winslow	Northfield	68		Farmer	Northfield	Benj. Winslow Betsy French	Salisbury Mass		1st.	Rev. C. C. Sampson Tilton
		Elizabeth J. Smith	Northfield	58		Lady	Northfield	Joseph Smith Betsy Ham	Canterbury Northfield		2d.	
June 15	Plymouth	Harry A. Collins	Northfield	25	All White	Brakeman	Northfield	B. F. Collins Alice Cross	Canterbury Northfield		1st.	Rev. F. G. Clark Plymouth
		Annie F. Davis	Bath	17		Lady	Bath	A. F. Davis —	Hanover		1st.	
Aug. 30	Northfield	Harry G. Keneston	Northfield	19	All White	Brakeman	Northfield	Elbridge Keneston Nellie Farrall	Northfield		1st.	Justice Oliver Cross
		Laura M. Seavey	Andover	20		Lady	Andover	John Seavey Lucie Stevart	Andover		1st.	
Oct. 4	Tilton	Joseph Glines	Northfield	24		Laborer	Salisbury	Pearborn Glines Cornelia —	Andover		1st.	Rev. Wm. Hurchin Tilton
		Carrie Cragger	Wilmot Centre	18		Lady	Wilmot Centre	Thomas Cragger Mary —	Sherbrooke, P.Q.		1st.	
Nov. 5	Northfield	Robert Whitehouse	Woonsocket R.I.	38		Weaver	Germany	R. F. Whitehouse Wilhelm Henshel	Germany	Weaver	1st.	Rev. J. D. Gilliland Tilton
		Mary T. Perthel	Northfield	22		Lady	Germany	Fred A. Ferthel Christine Gepphardt	Germany	Dyer	1st.	
Oct. 10	Northfield	Smith Roberts	Northfield	38		Farmer	Northfield				1st.	Rev. J. Chamberlain Northfield Depot
		Mary Weed	Gilmanton	39		Lady	Gilmanton				1st.	

DEATHS.

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Sur- Name of the Deceased			Age		Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition			Occupation	Place of Birth.		Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.				Male	Female	Color		Father	Mother		
Jan. 5		Laura Dell King	76	5	6	Northfield		"	"	Single	Farmer			William F. King	Jennie L. Welch
12		Isaac H. Healey	73	10	26	Northfield		"	"	Married	Housewife			Elliott Healey	Judith Heath
15		Betsy Lancaster	85			Northfield		"	"	Married				Charles Camre	Sally —
17		Fannie Dinsmore	16	10	11	Tilton		"	"	Single	Laborer			Isaac Foss	
27		Charlie W. Avery	86	9	20	Littleton		"	"	Married	Farmer			Daniel H. Avery	Mary A. Buzzell
Feb. 13		Wadleigh Leavitt	41	1	5	Northfield		"	"	Single				Wadleigh Leavitt	Elizabeth
18		Irving J. Copp	61			Northfield		"	"	Married	Housewife			Irving W. Copp	Nellie E. Downing
Mar. 19		Mary Dearborn	76	3	5	Northfield		"	"	Widowed	Housewife			Nathan Clark	—Humball
Apr. 6		Susan Smith Mason	55	10	2	Sandwich		"	"	Married	Merchant			Benjamin Mooney	Polly Prescott
Apr. 18		Joseph Hill	80	1	26	Mount Vernon		"	"	Married	Farmer			Grover A. Gorrell	Sally Clough
May 25		Clough Gorrell	73	2	8	Gilmanton		"	"	Married	Housekeeper			Nathaniel Avery	Hannah Folsom
31		Daniel F. Avery	49	2	16	Northfield		"	"	Widowed				Ira P. Whicher	Sally J. Arlin
June 11		Julia A. Weeks	62	6		Northfield		"	"	Widowed	Housekeeper			Samuel Clough	Nancy Mathus
Sept. 3		Cynthia A. Hill	81	6	12	Hillsboro		"	"	Widowed				Samuel Chandler	Hannah Coburn
Oct. 10		Hannah C. Gould	81	2		Northfield		"	"	Married	Farmer			Job Glines	Mary Dearborn
Nov. 28		James F. Glines	32			Northfield		"	"	Single	Carder			Charles L. Arlin	Harriet Whitcomb
Dec. 18		Michael M. Conway				Northfield		"	"	Single					

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. I. STEVENS, Town Clerk.



